Women inmates languishing in jails

3475. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAI AH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women inmates including foreign women national languishing in Indian Jails at present;

(b) whether the prolonged stay of women in Indian Jails is due to slow trials of women by Courts in the country; and

(c) If so, the steps being taken for speedy trials of women inmates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) At the end of 2000 there were 9089 women inmates including foreign women nationals in Indian Jails.

(b) Slow trial is one of the major causes of prolonged stay of women inmates in Jails.

(c)The Central Government have sanctioned a scheme to set up 1,734 FastTrack Courts for expeditious disposal of long pending cases and other casesinvolving undertrials on priority. 1,007 Fast Track Courts have been notifiedtill3rd February, 2003 out of which 990 have become functional. On the administrativeside, the Chief Justice of India has written to Chief Justices of all High Courtssuggesting that every Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and Chief JudicialMagistrate should hold Court once or twice a month in the jail to take up cases involving petty offences.

Co-ordination between Central and State Intelligence agencies

3476. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

DRAKHILESHDAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the recent Conference of Chief Ministers on internal security, a proposal was moved for more direct and institutionalised sharing of State and Central Intelligence agencies and coordination between them in view of the growing threat to internal security from various militants, terrorists, fundamentalists and secessionists elements; and